

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a strobe module capable of providing light;

a power supply capable of supplying power to the strobe module; and

a port capable of connecting and transmitting power from the power supply to an external image-capturing apparatus.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the strobe module is capable of providing light when the image-capturing apparatus captures an image.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising a transformer capable of transforming an output voltage of the power supply into a standard voltage of the strobe module.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising a transformer capable of transforming an output voltage of the power supply into a standard voltage of the image-capturing apparatus.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising a signal port capable of receiving signals from the image-capturing apparatus.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the signals comprise a driving signal capable of driving the strobe device to provide light.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the strobe module comprises a housing and wherein the power supply is disposed within the housing.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising:
a housing, wherein the strobe module and the power supply are disposed in the housing; and
a transformer in the housing and electrically connected to the power supply, the strobe module, and the port, wherein the transformer is capable of transforming an output voltage of the power supply into a standard voltage of the strobe module and outputting the standard voltage of the strobe module to the strobe module, and wherein the transformer is further capable of transforming the output voltage of the power supply into a standard voltage of the image-capturing apparatus and outputting the standard voltage of the image-capturing apparatus to the image-capturing apparatus via the port.

35. (New) A system, comprising:
a strobe module in a strobe housing capable of providing light;
a first power supply in the strobe housing capable of supplying power to the strobe module;
a first power port in the strobe housing;
an image-capturing apparatus external to the strobe module, comprising:
a second power port in a housing of the image-capturing apparatus, the second power port capable of connecting to the first power port and receiving power from the first power supply; and
a first signal port in the housing of the image-capturing apparatus, the first signal port capable of transmitting signals to a second signal port in the strobe housing.

36. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the strobe module is capable of providing light when the image-capturing apparatus captures an image.

37. (New) The system of claim 35, further comprising a transformer in the strobe housing capable of transforming an output voltage of the first power supply into a standard voltage of the strobe module.

38. (New) The system of claim 35, further comprising a transformer in the strobe housing capable of transforming an output voltage of the first power supply into a standard voltage of the image-capturing apparatus.

39. (New) The system of claim 35, further comprising an I2C interface capable of transmitting the signals between the first signal port and the second signal port.

40. (New) The system of claim 35, further comprising a UART interface capable of transmitting the signals between the first signal port and the second signal port.

41. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the first and second power ports comprise a USB interface.

42. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the signals comprise a driving signal capable of driving the strobe module to provide light.

43. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the strobe module is capable of transmitting a power level of the first power supply from the second signal port to the first signal port.

44. (New) The system of claim 35, further comprising a second power supply in the housing of the image-capturing apparatus, the second power supply capable of supplying power to the image-capturing apparatus.

45. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the image-capturing apparatus comprises a digital camera.

46. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the image-capturing apparatus comprises a digital camcorder.

47. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the image-capturing apparatus comprises a storage device with an image-capturing function.

48. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the image-capturing apparatus comprises a phone camera.

49. (New) An apparatus, comprising:
means for providing light;
means for supplying power to the means for providing light; and
means for connecting and transmitting power from the means for supplying power to
an external image-capturing apparatus.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the means for providing light
comprises a strobe module in a housing, the strobe module capable of providing light when
the image-capturing apparatus captures an image.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, further comprising means for transforming
an output voltage of the power supply into a standard voltage of the means for providing light
and means for transforming the output voltage of the power supply into a standard voltage of
the image-capturing apparatus.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the means for transforming
comprises a transformer in a housing of the means for providing light.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 49, further comprising means for receiving
signals from the image-capturing apparatus, the signals comprising a driving signal capable
of driving the means for providing to provide light.